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Constitution Subcommittee Hearing Thursday Examines “The Scope and Myths of *Roe v. Wade*”

What: Oversight Hearing entitled, “The Scope and Myths of *Roe v. Wade*”
Who: Constitution Subcommittee -- Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH), Chairman
When: 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2006
Where: 2141 Rayburn Building

The Supreme Court’s 1973 *Roe v. Wade* opinion constitutionalized abortion and effectively protected abortion on demand in America, subject only to limited regulations. It removed abortion legislation from the state level and the purview of the people and their state legislatures. *Roe*’s impact is far-reaching, extending beyond its direct impact on the unborn to affect the family in general and the mental, emotional, and physical health of women.

BACKGROUND...

- ✓ The United States Supreme Court concluded in *Roe v. Wade* that the Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clause contains a right to privacy which “is broad enough to encompass a woman’s decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy.”

THIS HEARING WILL...

- ⇒ Address the public’s misunderstanding of the scope of and premises behind *Roe*, including the breadth of reasons for which an abortion can be obtained, the effect of overruling *Roe*, the misunderstanding of the abortionist/patient relationship, and the lack of consideration of the effect of abortion on women and families.

WITNESSES: Ms. Canny Roy, Founder & Director, Eve Center; Ms. Kellyanne Conway, President & CEO, the polling company, inc.; Ms. Helen M. Alvare, Associate Professor of Law, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America; and Dr. Karen O’Connor, Professor, American University.

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